

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐
no ☐

Property Name: Jonas C. Petersheim Farm Inventory Number: G-V-A-150

Address: 3160 Mason School Road City: Oakland Zip Code: 21550

County: Garrett USGS Topographic Map: Table Rock

Owner: John and Amelia Petersheim Is the property being evaluated a district? ☐ yes

Tax Parcel Number: 25 Tax Map Number: 91 Tax Account ID Number: 08-003750

Assess Visual Effects of Allegheny Heights Windpower

Project: Facility Agency: _____

Site visit by MHT Staff: ☒ no ☐ yes Name: _____ Date: _____

Is the property located within a historic district? ☐ yes ☒ no

If the property is within a district

District Inventory Number: _____

NR-listed district ☐ yes Eligible district ☐ yes District Name: _____

Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource ☐ yes ☐ no Non-contributing but eligible in another context ☐

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)

Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible ☒ yes ☐ no

Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☒ None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The Jonas C. Petersheim farm is located at the end of a long unpaved farm lane. The house, constructed in 1908 (Petersheim personal communication 1/11/2005; USGS 1899, 1908), is oriented to face north. The original farmhouse is two-stories and has an asymmetrical three-bay front and two-bay gable end. The house is wood frame originally clad in horizontal wood siding. Asbestos shingle siding has been applied over all exterior portions of the house since 1981. The house rests on a poured concrete foundation. The side-gable roof is clad with corrugated metal. Two interior brick chimneys project from the roof ridge. The windows on the first-story front are wood-frame, six-over-six-light, double-hung sash units with wide wood casings. All other windows are one-over-one-light replacement units. The slightly off-center door on the front (north) elevation contains a three-panel wood door with three lights. The screen door has a wood frame with ornamental brackets and spindle frieze. An open porch replaced since 1981 spans the north elevation. The shed roof is supported on square wood posts. Two bays of the porch along the rear (south) elevation have been enclosed since 1981.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility recommended ☒ Eligibility not recommended ☐

Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Comments: element of Amish/Mennonite cultural landscape?

Andrew Lewis
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

4/7/05
Date

Peter Kuntz
Reviewer, NR Program

4/7/05
Date

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Continuation Sheet No. 1

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A large bank barn measuring 40 x 80 feet and constructed in 1903 is located west of the original farmhouse (Petersheim personal communication 1/11/2005). The timber-framed bank barn rests on a stone foundation. The main members of the timber framing are 8x8-inch members supported by 6x6-inch main braces. The main timbers are in the outer walls and 40-foot long horizontal members. The horizontal member is a solid piece that stretches the width of the barn from just above the door height and is mortise and tenoned into the framing of the exterior walls. The horizontal member is supported by upright members that are mortised and tenoned into the horizontal member. The upright members support the roof purlin. The roof purlin is supported by additional bracing that extends from the outer wall and on top of the horizontal member to the vertical member just below the purlin. Smaller braces link the upright member to the roof purlin. The roof rafters are two pieces. The upper rafters are tenoned together at the roof ridge. There is no ridge pole, but a pulley system to move hay extends the length of the roof ridge. The roof was originally sheathed with wood shingles. The roof has corrugated metal laid over the roof shingles. The timber framing also has pieces that are rounded logs and hand hewn, which Mr. Petersheim reported came from the log barn located on the property when the Petersheim family bought it in 1901 (Petersheim personal communication 1/11/2005; Garrett County Land Records EZT 39:532-533).

Originally the vertical wood siding was applied from the eave to the foundation. The barn was not built with a forebay. Mr. John Petersheim added the concrete-block walls on all four elevations on top of the stone foundation. The concrete-block walls have two-light windows. He also strengthened the floor of the barn. These improvements were made to comply with county regulations for dairying. Mr. Petersheim retired from the dairy business in 1999. The bank is located on the north elevation and the doorway has sliding metal doors. A wood plank bridge spans the space between the barn door and the earth bank. The purpose of the trough before the doorway is to protect the lower walls of the barn from the effects of freeze-thaw.

A one-story, one-bay by two-bay, concrete-block milkhouse is located just north of the northwest corner of the bank barn. The gable roof is sheathed with corrugated metal. The door is located in the south elevation near the barn.

Two concrete-panel silos with exterior metal reinforcing hoops are located near the west end of the bank barn. The earliest silo was put up in 1972 (Petersheim 1/11/2005).

Other buildings on the property include the 1960s one-story house set on a raised basement located north of the original farmhouse. Two old wood-frame sheds and two chicken coops are located east of the house. The farmyard is completed with a one-story, concrete-block workshop with metal sliding door and gable roof, and a four-bay, wood-frame equipment shed with corrugated metal roof and three sides. The equipment shed has a horizontal wood-frame corncrib in the south edge. Two other shed-roofed wood corncribs stand in the yard.

The property incorporated military lots 1136 and 1652 and was once part of the landholdings of J. McClure Mason, who may have an association with the Mason/Wilt cemetery on MIHP # G-V-A-148. In 1885, the Garrett County sheriff sold this Mason property at public auction. The land was purchased by Ambrose Mattingly of Preston County, West Virginia. In 1901, Mattingly sold the property to Jonas C. Petersheim (b. 1865-d. 1937), the fourth son of Christian and Lydia Petersheim. When Jonas Petersheim bought the property, it had a log dwelling, a log barn, and a portion of a springhouse standing on it (Petersheim 1/11/2005).

George Petersheim (b. 1763- d 1818), a German immigrant, migrated to the Mennonite community in Lancaster County, PA, in 1810. His grandson Christian Petersheim (b. 1826 in Sommerset Co., MD-d. 1897 in Preston County, WVA) moved to Aurora, WVA, in 1858. Christian Petersheim was instrumental in the development of the Amish community in Aurora, West Virginia. Mr. Jonas Petersheim was a minister of the Amish Mennonite church, which shared services between Gortner, MD, and Aurora, WVA, for many years during the early twentieth century.

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Jonas Petersheim married Barbara Schlabach in 1889 and moved the family to Pleasant Valley in 1901. Eventually Gortner replaced Aurora, WVA, as the center of the Amish Mennonite community. The property remained in the Petersheim family. Jacob (b. 1892-d. 1961), the second son, continued to farm the property and the property remains in Petersheim ownership (Petersheim 1994).

The Petersheim farm is associated with broad patterns of agricultural history of the early and mid-twentieth century in southern Garrett County as practiced by the Mennonite and Amish community (Criterion A). The house and barn embody the distinctive characteristics of their types, periods, and methods of construction during the first decade of the twentieth century (Criterion C). The changes that have occurred to the buildings represent the evolution of building materials and agricultural needs adapted by the community to maintain the property in active agriculture.

References

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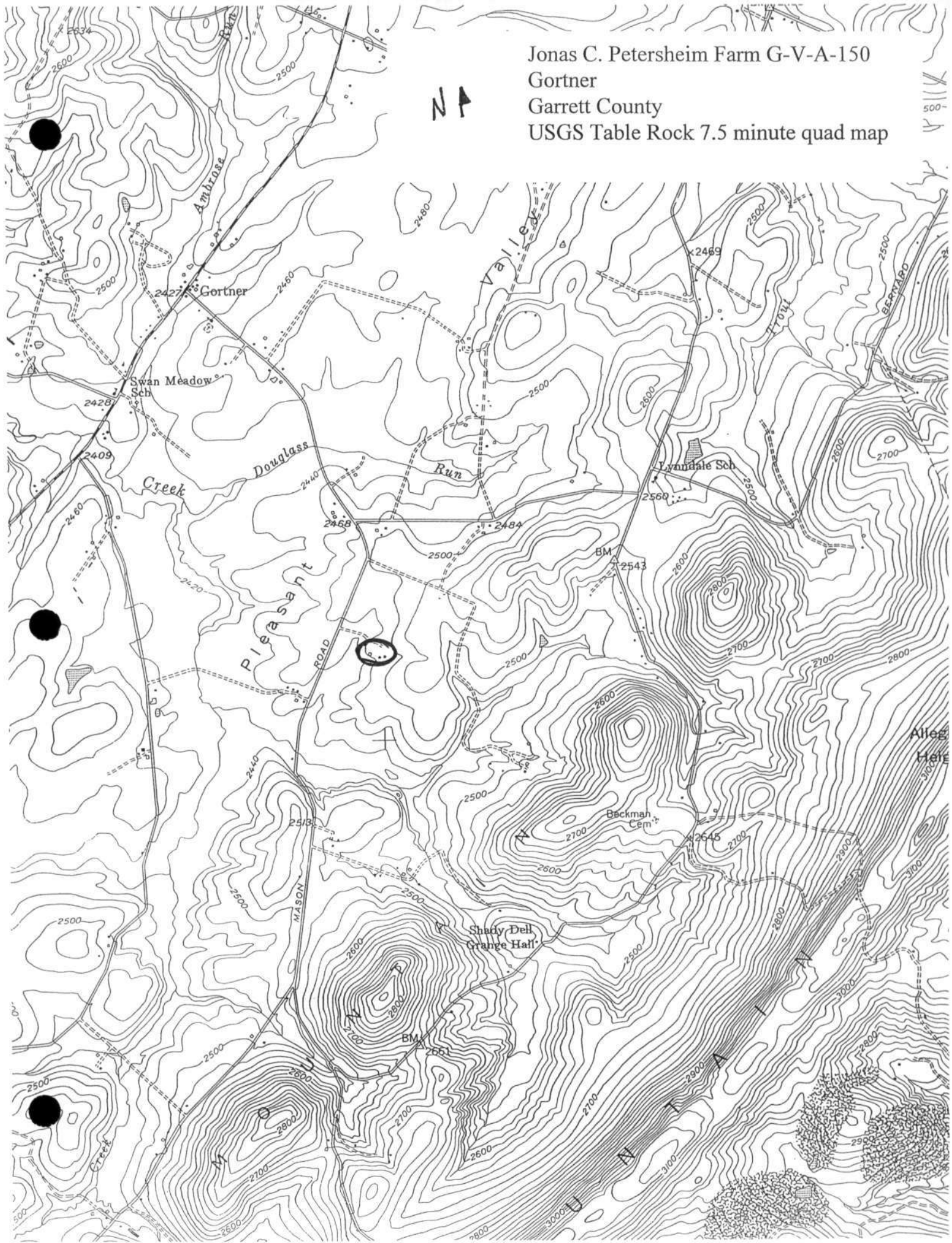
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1908 Oakland 15 minute quadrangle map surveyed in 1899 and published in 1900 and 1908.

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Jonas C. Petersheim Farm G-V-A-150
Gortner
Garrett County
USGS Table Rock 7.5 minute quad map





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JAMES C. PETERSHEIM FARM
BARKETT COUNTY, MARYLAND

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JANUARY 2005

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JONAS C. PETERSHEIM FARM
GARRETT COUNTY, MARYLAND

RCA

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MD SHPO

BARN, VIEW SW

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Jonas C. Petersheim Farm
Gortner
Private

mid-nineteenth century

The Jonas C. Petersheim Farm is a typical farm in this region with a 2-story, 3 bay by 2 bay frame house and frame bank barn. The 3-story, 3 bay by 2 bay frame house rests on a poured concrete foundation made from creek sand and small stones. The walls are covered with weatherboard siding with cornerboards.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Jonas C. Petersheim Farm

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Mason Rd., East side, approximately 1½ mile S of Gortner

CITY, TOWN

Gortner

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Garrett County

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☐ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☒ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

John J. Petersheim

Telephone #: (301) 334-4543

STREET & NUMBER

Mason School Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Gortner

☒ VICINITY OFSTATE, zip code
Maryland**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Garrett County Courthouse

Liber #: 238

Folio #: 482

STREET & NUMBER

Third and Alder Streets

CITY, TOWN

Oakland

STATE

Maryland 21550

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

__EXCELLENT

__GOOD

☒FAIR

__DETERIORATED

__RUINS

__UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒UNALTERED

__ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ORIGINAL SITE

__MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Jonas C. Petersheim Farm lies in Pleasant Valley, $1\frac{1}{4}$ miles SE of the amish community of Gortner. It is a typical farm in this region with a two-story, three bay by two bay frame house and frame bank barn.

The two-story, three bay by two bay frame house faces NE and has a slightly offset entrance to the north. It rests on a foundation made from creek sand and small stones. The walls are covered with weather-board siding with cornerboards. Asbestos shingles have been added to the NW elevation. The gable roof is corrugated metal.

A one-story shed porch supported by four wooden posts runs across the facade. The roof is covered with wood shingles.

A one-story shed porch with a corrugated metal roof runs across the rear of the house, SW elevation and is enclosed at the south end. The rear porch covers four bays, including three entrances and one window. The entrances are placed at each end of the elevation and one in the center; the window is placed between the central and west entrance.

All windows are 6/6 sash except for two. There are two interior brick chimneys.

This site includes a board and batten springhouse, a frame bank barn, a modern house, and several sheds.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The asymmetrical fenestration of this three-bay house is unusual. As the interior was not examined, it is not known what this arrangement signifies.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Donna Ware, Historian

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust/Bureau of Mines

DATE

June 1981

STREET & NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

(301) 269-2438

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

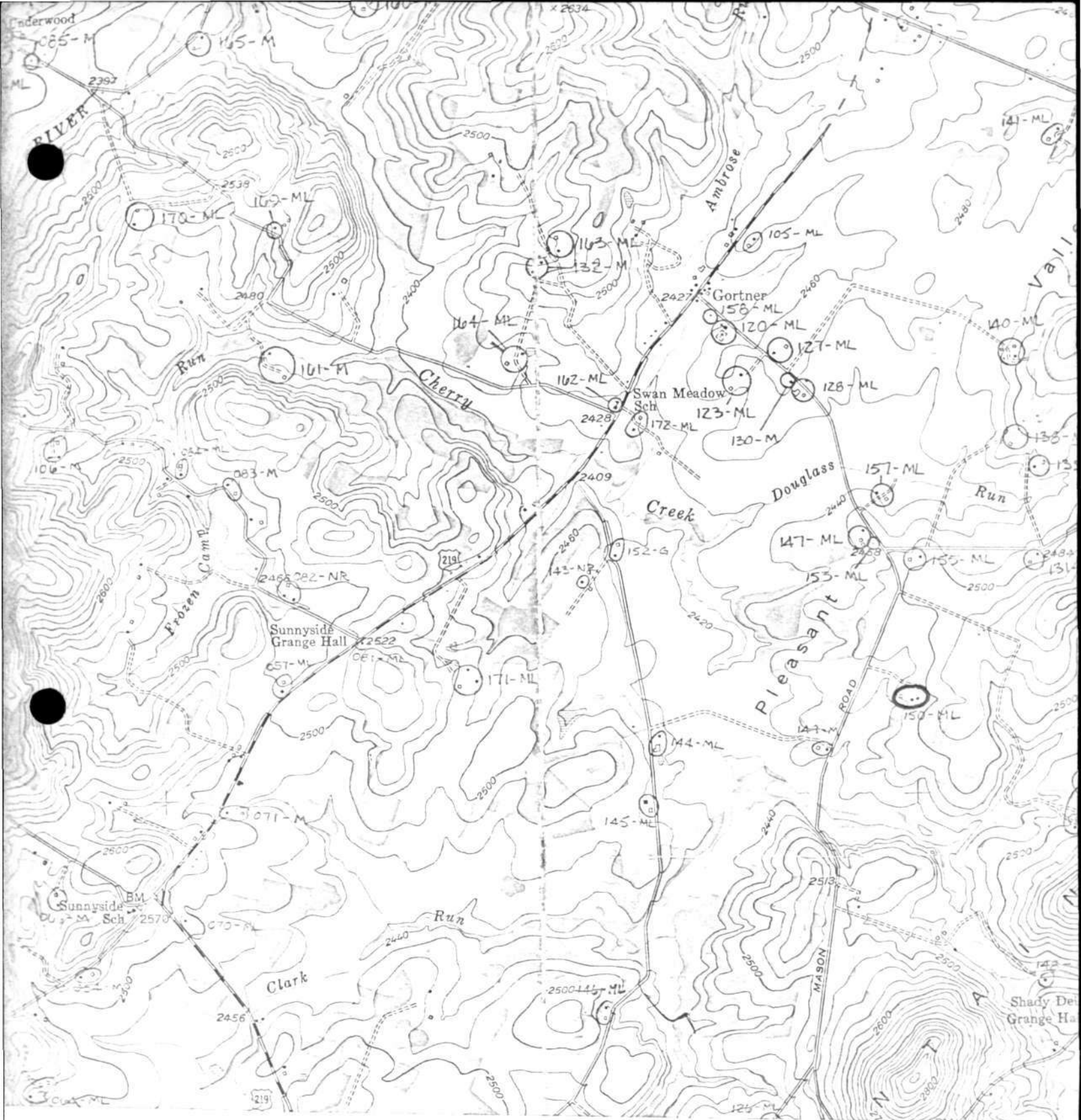


Table Rock: MD:WV
 USGS 7.5 Minute Series
 Scale 1:24,000
 1948; photorevised 1974

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 Jonas C. Petersheim Farm
 Mason Road, east side, approx.
 1¼ miles S of Gortner



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Jonas C. Petersheim Farm

Garrett Co., MD

Valerie Cesna 10/24/80

Facade: NE elev.

G.V.A. 150
NE elev.



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Jonas C. Petersheim Farm

Garrett Co., MD

Valerie Cesna 10/24/80

Rear: SW elev.

6.V A 150
= 276L